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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF  
SUPPORTING A CATALYST, A CATALYST-  
CERAMIC BODY AND PROCESSES FOR  
PRODUCING SAME

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(4), the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 6,027,684 corresponds to WO Application No. 99/18047. U.S. Patent No. 6,099,793 corresponds to WO Application No. 99/28269.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,347,063, 4,313,853 and 4,414,256 correspond to JP 58-30337.

U.S. Patent No. 5,935,897 corresponds to JP 9-117674.

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JP 59-62324 includes a description on page 2, upper left column, lines 16-19 which states: "That is, the present invention provides a filter comprising a porous ceramic layer and a porous glass layer whose pore size can be controlled in a range of 5 to 100Å and has a thickness 0.1 to 100 µm is laminated on the surface of the porous ceramic layer."

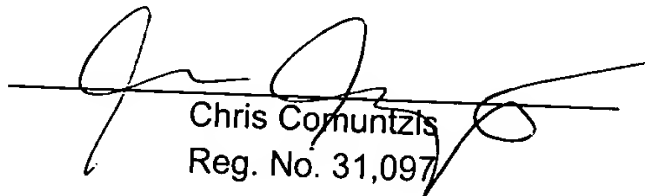
JP 57-78946 discloses in the claim "a catalyst for cleaning an exhaust gas characterized in that a noble metal catalyst component such as platinum, rhodium and paradium is supported on a catalyst support containing tungsten."

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Respectfully submitted,

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